

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1-10. (Canceled)

11. (Currently Amended) An apparatus for actuating a control element for a heating or air-conditioning system in a motor vehicle, comprising:

a first actuating drive;

an electrical circuit operatively connected to the actuating drive wherein the electrical circuit comprises programmable memory suitable for overwritably storing a subscriber number and wherein the electrical circuit provides for both software and hardware coding of the subscriber number;

a control section for inputting control commands to the electrical circuit;

at least one electrical cable connecting together the actuating drive, the circuit and the control section, wherein the circuit is arranged remote from the actuating drive and from the control section and wherein the circuit is ~~integrated into~~ connected to the cable; and

two mutually associated connector parts for connecting the circuit to the cable, wherein the subscriber number can be set by means of at least one of said connector parts via software coding by way of data provided from a data line connected to one of the connector parts.

12. (Original) An apparatus as claimed in claim 11, wherein the two connector parts each have a plurality of connector contacts that are selectively connectable to a conductor in the cable.

13. (Original) An apparatus as claimed in claim 12, wherein the connector contacts are located in plural planes, and the number of connector contacts located in a plane is not substantially the number of planes.

14. (Original) An apparatus as claimed in claim 13, wherein two planes are provided, in each of which three connector contacts are arranged.

15-17. (Canceled)

18. (Currently Amended) A method for installing an apparatus for actuating a control element for a heating or air-conditioning system in a motor vehicle, comprising:

installing an actuating drive for ~~[[a]]~~ the control element;

installing a control section for inputting control commands to the control element;

installing an electrical circuit operatively connected to the actuating drive but at a position remote from both the actuating drive and the control section, wherein the electrical circuit comprises programmable memory suitable for overwritably storing a subscriber number associated with the control element, wherein the electrical circuit provides for both software and hardware coding of the subscriber number;

connecting together the actuating drive, the circuit and the control section with at least one electrical cable comprising a databus and wherein the circuit is ~~integrated into~~ connected to the cable; and

storing in the memory a first subscriber number not later than in conjunction with the installation,

wherein ~~the manual supplying~~ the storing of the first subscriber number comprises providing a unique subscriber number by selectively making at least one connection between a plurality of contacts in a connector, respectively, to one of plural conductors contained in the databus.

19. (Canceled)

20. (Currently Amended) A motor vehicle, comprising a heating or ventilating system including a plurality of control elements for said heating or ventilating system and a plurality of corresponding actuating apparatus operatively associated with said control elements, wherein each actuating apparatus comprises an actuating apparatus as defined in claim 11, and wherein at least a plurality of actuating drives in said system and at least a plurality of electrical circuits in said system are identical to one another and are interchangeable.

21. (Currently Amended) An apparatus for actuating a control element for a heating or air-conditioning system in a motor vehicle, comprising:

- a first actuating drive;
- an electrical circuit operatively connected to the actuating drive wherein the electrical circuit includes a programmable memory which comprises an EEPROM and wherein the electrical circuit provides for both software and hardware coding of the subscriber number;
- a control section for inputting control commands to the electrical circuit;
- at least one electrical cable connecting together the actuating drive, the circuit and the control section, wherein the circuit is arranged remote from the actuating drive and from the control section and wherein the circuit is ~~integrated into~~ connected to the cable; and
- two mutually associated connector parts for connecting the circuit to the cable wherein each connector part comprises at least 2 planes, each plane comprising at least 3 connector contacts that are selectively connectable to a conductor in the cable.

22. (Previously Presented) An apparatus as claimed in claim 21, further comprising a flap for a motor vehicle heating or air-conditioning system wherein the flap is operatively linked to the actuating drive and wherein the flap comprises a mixing-air flap or a defroster flap.

23. (Previously Presented) An apparatus as claimed in claim 21, wherein the actuating drive comprises a stepping motor.

24. (Previously Presented) An apparatus as claimed in claim 21, wherein said at least one electrical cable comprises a positive supply voltage conductor, a negative supply voltage conductor and a data line.

25. (Previously Presented) An apparatus as claimed in claim 21, wherein the apparatus comprises at least one additional actuating drive which is substantially identical to the first actuating drive and which is operably linked to a flap for a motor vehicle heating or air-conditioning system.

26-27. (Canceled)

28. (Previously Presented) An apparatus according to claim 12, wherein the plurality of connector contacts are connected to a single data line, in which a particular disposition of data bits in time sequence are respectively received by the plurality of connector contacts such that each one of the connector contacts retrieves a particular one of the data bits in accordance with the particular disposition, so as to receive a new subscriber number provided to the electrical circuit by way of software coding.